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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this Amendment in response to the Official Action of June 30, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Attached are:

- 1) Amendments to the Claims; and
- 2) Remarks in support of patentability.

No fee is due for this Amendment. After entry of this Amendment, there are 13 total claims and four independent claims. Applicant has previously paid for 20 total claims and four independent claims.

For the reasons given in the attached Remarks, Applicant requests reconsideration by the Examiner and early favorable action. If the Examiner has questions, Applicant requests that he telephone the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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